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DEATH OF TOLSTOI OCCURS IN RUSSIA.

FAMOUS NOVELIST AND COUNT PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG AND SEVERE ILLNESS.

STORY OF HIS NOTABLE CAREER

A Review of Famous Author's Book, Death Followed Long Pilgrimage.—Suffered Several Heart Attacks.

Astapova, Nov. 20.—Count Tolstol is dead. At 6:05 a. m. Count Leo Tolstol died peacefully. The countess Tolsti, Dr. Makivelsky and other attending physicians were at his side when the end came. It was recognized long before that his case was hopeless and at 5 o'clock in the morning after the Countess had been summoned and the other members of the family had gathered in an adjoining room, the physicians issued a bulletin, announcing that the activity of the heart had almost ceased and that Tolstol's condition was extremely dangerous.

Several of the physicians were greatly overcome by the approach in death of Russia's great writer. Tolstol, accompanied only by Dr. Makivelsky left his home for the purpose of finding his days in solitude to which he more and more inclined during his latter years. Learning that his retreat had been discovered, he insisted upon proceeding on his journey to the caucuses, where he hoped to spend his last days close to the Tolstol colony on the shores of the Black Sea. But during the railroad journey he was overcome with exhaustion and the cold, and Dr. Makivelsky was compelled to have him transferred to the flag station at Astapova where he was made as comfortable as possible in the rude wooden building.

For five years he has been suffering first from bronchitis and later from inflammation of the lungs. Specialists were called from Moscow and other places but notwithstanding their utmost efforts the heart of the great Russian responded but feebly to the restoratives and stimulants administered.

Count Lyof Nikolavitch Tolstol, usually called Count Leo Holstol, novelist and social reformer, was born August 28, 1828, at Yaslaya Polonia, in the Province of Tula, Russia. When 23 years old Tolstol entered the army and served in the Caucasus and in defense of Sebastopol against the British and French allies. He first made a reputation in literature by a series of vivid sketches written from Sebastopol and when he left the army soon after the Crimean war he devoted himself entirely to literature.

A Thrifty Farmer.

The thrift and industry of Noah Bethea, a tenant on Dr. Stackhouse's Col. Stackhouse place, four miles from town, is an example of what a man of moderate means can do on a farm. Noah is an industrious farmer and his bank account is growing every year. This year he made 32 bales of cotton on 20 acres and with little effort made 114 bushels of corn on two acres. He gives close attention to his farm but at the same time he finds spare moments to devote to side crops. He sent The Herald office five sweet potatoes weighing about 5 pounds each and he told Mr. Hubbard that if he had time to go down into the potato bank that he would be able to show some much larger ones. In addition to his excellent crops Noah will make this year 1,200 pounds of meat. He keeps out of debt, devotes all of his time to his farm, lives economically and is a peaceable and law-abiding citizen. Noah is setting a worthy example to other members of his race.

Saw the Airships.

Rev. W. C. Kirkland was a spectator at the great aviation meet in Baltimore last week and he had an opportunity to see the great wonders of the 20th century in actual practice. Curtis, LeBlanc, Wright and all the other great man-birds were there with their machines and some wonderful heights were attained during the practice. Mr. Kirkland says it was the most wonderful sight he had ever witnessed. The great machines rise into the air as gracefully as birds and they seem to be under the most perfect control. Dr. Kirkland was very much impressed with the sight and he is of the opinion that in a very short while the aeroplane will be used in transporting the mails and for other commercial purposes. He thinks it is a safer machine than the automobile, provided it is not driven to a dangerous altitude. If it is kept a reasonably safe distance from the earth and an accident should happen to any of the machinery the engines can be stopped and the machine will glide to the earth like a bird.

Our milliner leaves December 2. From now until then all millinery at cost. E. L. Moore & Co. Ladies get you hats at cost now. E. L. Moore & Co.

Why not renew for two or three years ahead? You cannot lose anything by doing so and you will have the pleasure of helping a friend to win a prize.

SAD AND PECULIAR STORY OF WIFE'S MENTAL CONDITION BEFORE SUICIDE.

WAS MENTALLY UNBALANCED.

After Being Acquitted of Having Incited His Wife to Kill Herself Tells Story of Tragedy.

A rather unusual story is told a reporter of the News and Courier by Sam R. Kirkland who was Tuesday acquitted in a Lexington court of the charge of having incited his wife to commit suicide. Readers of The Herald will recall that after a drive with her husband Mrs. Kirkland returned home with her neck bleeding from knife wounds, poured kerosene over clothing, applied a match to the clothing and was burned to death. Kirkland was accused of having forced the woman to kill herself and after his acquittal Tuesday he made the following statement to a News and Courier reporter: "When I came home," stated Mr. Kirkland, "my wife asked me to get into the buggy and we drove off. We went in the direction of Friendship church. As we neared the yard my wife almost broke down, I thought, for she commenced to say: 'There's the little brook she used to cross as she came to church to learn the lessons that I, too, tried to teach her of right living and virtue.' Then, as we came nearer the church yard and were within sight of the baptismal pool, my wife said: 'There's where Mary was baptized. Poor little girl. You know, Sam, the folks will blame me more for her condition than you, for she was with me most of the time while you were away, and I am responsible for her bringing up.' Then I told her of what I had done in Columbia and we decided to go on to a woman we knew, further on in the country. We wanted to ask her what sort of a place that was in Columbia, to which our daughter might be sent. 'In the meantime, we stopped the buggy and wanted to take a drink. I took out my knife and pulled the stopper and handed the knife to my wife to hold. That was while we were still in the church yard. To my horror the first thing I knew my wife was trying to cut her throat. That's why you heard them say on the trial that my wife's face was bloody, that there was blood on her bonnet and that spots of blood were on my shirt. Of course, there was a struggle for me to take the knife away. That is why the ground my wife has been torn up."

"Seeing that my wife wanted to kill herself, I turned around and went back home. As we got into the yard, as my daughter testified, I said: 'Belle, go on into the house and for God's sake behave yourself. I meant for her to do just what I said. 'As for as what happened afterward, I know nothing. I was in one room and she in another. The first thing I knew Belle was on fire and we were rushing out to her in the yard. This trial has cost me money and trouble, and I believe it was brought by some one, out of spite, to cause that trouble for me. I was innocent of any knowledge of my wife's suicide until it happened."

The prizes and blue ribbons given at the Fall Festival are as follows: Class No. 1; babies from one to six months old, Henry Claussen Graham. Babies from six months to one year old, Harvey Cabell Jordan. Class No. 3, Sue Herring. Class No. 4, handsomest little boy in town, Eugene Watkins. Bicycle Parade: The couple riding best and receiving blue ribbons was Louise Bass and Charlie Herring. For the prettiest decorated wheel and smallest rider, Dorothy Moore.

Preserves, jellies, pickles, etc.: Mrs. Robert M. O'Ferrall, first prize for watermelon rind preserves; Mrs. Wadd Stackhouse, second prize; Mrs. Sue Peterkin, first prize for sour pickles; Mrs. E. R. Hamer for sweet peach pickles; Mrs. J. H. Hamer, first prize for canne fruit. Mrs. R. A. Brunson, Jr., received a box of stationery in the voting contest for being the most beautiful married lady in town. Miss Winnie Jackson was voted the most marriageable lady in town. Mrs. F. M. arion Huggins was presented a handsome cut glass vase for guessing the number of seed in the pumpkin. The one who guessed the contents of the box from the Japanese booth was Mr. C. C. Graham. The proceeds amounted to over two hundred dollars which will be devoted to the Civic Improvement work.

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HIGHTOWER TO HANG DECEMBER 23

NEGRO CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT IN COLUMBIA.

RAPIST GETS SWIFT JUSTICE.

After Hearing Testimony of Victim and Several Other Witnesses Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty in Few Minutes.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—Special: For the atrocious crime of assault, Minus Hightower, a negro youth, will pay the death penalty on December 23, at the county jail yard in this county.

The hand of the law moved swiftly and with unerring decision today, in the trial of the young negro, who, on October 18, ravished a married woman of this city. Placed on trial this morning, at a special term of Court ordered by the Governor, the evidence in his case completed at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Hightower knew his fate within three minutes after the jury retired. The sentence of the Court was immediately announced, following the verdict of "guilty."

Returned to Penitentiary. To-night, shortly after the court room was cleared, Hightower was whisked away to the Penitentiary in a waiting automobile. Behind the automobile that carried the negro was another with guards. Immediately upon the clearing of the court room, the court house was darkened so that not one of the hundreds of persons outside of the building, save those whose business it was, knew when the negro was taken away. Before the trial, even before the break of day, Hightower had been brought in from the Penitentiary, where he had been ever since the day of his crime.

Many Spectators. Around the court house, ever since early morning, a crowd of people, at times numbering a thousand or more waited. In the court room, save for the period during which the prosecutor testified, there was a crowd all day.

The was no special demonstration against the negro, although the crowd appeared eager for the law to be carried out. It is only within the range of surmise what might have been done if the verdict had question as to how many of the men had pistols. The Governor's Guards and the Richmond Volunteers were on guard during the trial. These are two of the oldest military companies in the State.

Husband Relieved of Pistol. The husband of the prosecutrix, during the morning hours had a pistol in his pocket. When this was found out by the sheriff, the pistol was taken away. The talk around the court room was that the husband intended to "start something" if his wife had to testify before the crowded court room. This afternoon, the husband was closely watched in court. He is a painter by trade, and there were many of his friends, both inside and outside the court room. The local police cooperated with the militia and officials of the county and court in handling the case systematically.

The foreman of the jury was Vander Myers. Before the indictment was handed to him, as is usual in criminal cases, he started to poll the jury. The sheriff asked the jurors to retire. However in three minutes the jury had returned with the verdict.

Maple Dots D. G. Dove, after spending several weeks at Rockfish, N. C. has returned home.

Herbert Rowell, of North Carolina, was down here Tuesday. D. H. Hyatt went to Marion Saturday.

J. M. Bass, of Latta, was in this section one day last week.

J. W. Turbeville, of Hamer, visited in this section Sunday.

J. W. Snipes visited near Kepper Sunday.

H. E. K. Smith, of Latta, passed through this section Sunday. Charlie Jackson, of Buck Swamp section visited over here Sunday.

O. C. Webster visited near Latta Sunday.

A negro wedding took place on Mr. A. R. Price's place some time last week. Friday night the young people of their race came to take part in the serenade and while the racket was going on some one placed a stick of dynamite under the house and when it exploded a hole was blown in the chimney and several planks were torn off the house and those who were sitting around the fire were thrown to the rear end of the house and one has been speechless since. Simon.

Among the important business changes that will take place on the first of the year is the liquidation of the Stubbs Co., and the opening of a new business in the store occupied by W. H. Dunbar. The members of the firm will be M. A. Stubbs, J. D. Hargrove and W. E. Hall. The company will do a large cash business and a time business on a limited scale. Mr. Stubbs will devote more of his time to farming, but will also operate a wholesale grocery and grain business in the warehouse building owned by the Dillon Hardware Co. near the A. C. L. tracks. Mr. Dunbar will move into the building occupied by the Dillon Cash Store and the Dillon Cash Store will discontinue business.

FOUR LOSE LIVES IN EXPLOSION.

GUN PREMATURELY EXPLODES AT INDIAN HEAD.

Accident Probably Caused by Bent or Befouled Firing Pin.

Washington, Nov. 19.—By the premature explosion of a five-inch 51 calibre gun at the Indian Head, Md., proving grounds of the navy, four men are dead, including Lieut. Arthur C. Caffee, who was in charge of the gun, and one man, a negro, seriously injured. The explosion probably was due to a bent or fouled firing pin, which projected beyond the face of the breech plug of the gun.

The dead, in addition to Lieut. Caffee, are: J. L. Brown, battery foreman, instantly killed; Nelson, Jackson, colored, battery attendant, fatally injured and died shortly afterwards; J. J. Leary, ordnance man, fatally injured, died at 11:35 a. m. Sidney Dyson, colored, a member of the gun crew, was seriously injured.

The ordnance bureau has ordered a board of inquiry to develop details of the accident, the only witness to which, so far as can be learned, were John C. Coleman and Sidney Dyson, both negroes.

The gun, which was a new one from the navy yard gun factory, was being tested for the first time, and had already been fired twice. The accident occurred during the third round just as the breech was closed.

Lieut. Caffee was from Missouri. He entered the naval academy in 1900. He leaves a widow and one child. The assistants who were killed and injured were all civilians and lived in the neighborhood of the proving grounds, 40 miles below Washington.

The naval ordnance board has been trying for a long time to find some safety device applicable to guns of this calibre but so far without success and if the gun captain fails to obey the rule to pass his hand over the face of the breech lock before it is closed to detect any improper projection of the firing pin, then just such an accident as occurred to-day may happen at any time, it is said.

Everyone is invited to The Herald office Wednesday to see the close of the contest.

TWO DIE IN THRILLING WRECK.

Boiler of Engine Exploded and Wrecked Passing Train.—Occurred on Pennsylvania Road Near Altoona.

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 19.—A thrilling and disastrous wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad resulting in the death of a locomotive engineer and two firemen and the injury of three other trainmen occurred this afternoon at 30th street, near the western limits of this city.

A fast freight train westbound, which was just starting up the mountain, helped in the rear by two locomotives when the boiler of the second of the rear engines exploded. The boiler rose from the engine frame and was hurled through the air just as an express train composed entirely of express cars, also westbound, came along on the next track. The express train was being drawn by two locomotives. The first engine struck the falling boiler and hurled it over an embankment 300 feet from where it had left the engine trucks. The impact crashed both locomotives, hauling the express train and threw them against the freight train, knocking over several freight cars. When the explosion occurred, Engineer Rorabaugh, who was in charge of the locomotive that exploded, was thrown into the middle of the wreckage and crushed under the tender of one of the express train engines. His fireman, A. C. Furlong, was burned and scalded and died in the Altoona hospital two hours later. Reed was thrown under express train engine No. 2416, of which he was fireman, and instantly crushed to death. Brakeman Riddell, of the freight train is probably fatally injured.

Pages Mill Items. (Written for last week.) The new bank is open and doing business. Mr. Marion Gaddy is cashier of the new bank. Jack Watson passed through here a few days ago. Dr. Brown and party, of Fairmont, motored over the other evening prospecting on real estate. There is little, or no real estate, in front lots now for sale. Back lots can still be bought for a good price.

In your paper it was noticed last week that some anonymous person had made the charge that pick-pockets were in the good town of Pages Mill. To correct this "slur" a story hangs and is as follows: The mayor of said town of Pages Mill took up one Zackins, a peddler, and to Zackins' surprise, extracted from him a town license amounting, before he was through with it, to \$23. It seems that Zackins got quite miffed and would not pay it, but when Mr. Mayor rattled the guard house keys at him "Zack" became a good boy and fished up the amount, but Zackins' trouble did not end here. It was found he had no county license, then poor Zackins "wilted away"—tears streamed down his Russian map and he was pitiful to behold.

CONTEST ENTERS UPON ITS CLOSING WEEK.

DATE CHANGED TO NOON, NOVEMBER 30TH.

MISS STANTON WINS STATIONERY AND MISS MCLEOD REGAINS LEADERSHIP.

SUMMARY OF PRIZES.

- First Prize, \$400 Piano. Second Prize, Choice of \$200 Certificate or \$100 Durham Buggy. (Offered by the Holliday Co.) Third Prize, Choice of \$175 Rebate Certificate or \$45 Princess Range. (Offered by the Palmetto Hardware Co.) Fourth Prize, \$150, Rebate Certificate. Fifth Prize, \$125, Rebate Certificate. Sixth Prize, \$100, Rebate Certificate. Gentleman's Prize, A Lewis Plow. (Offered by the Dillon Hardware Co.)

SPECIAL NOTICE:

We wish to call to the attention of the contestants and their friends the change of the hour set for the closing of the contest. In order to give the out-of-town contestants equal advantage with those in Dillon we have set the closing hour at 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday November 30th, instead of midnight, November 29th. All money and subscriptions must be deposited in the box provided for that purpose in the office of The Dillon Herald, Dillon, S. C. No money will be accepted unless accompanied by bona fide names for which the subscriptions are to be issued. No money will be received over the telephone. If you cannot bring it yourself, send it by registered mail or by telegraph. The box will be sealed at 12 o'clock, sharp, Wednesday, before that hour. The splendid offer of double votes on new subscriptions and a 5,000 vote bonus on every \$15.00 sent in for subscriptions both new and old will expire at midnight, Saturday, November 26th. This gives you several days longer in which to collect those new and old subscribers who have promised you their help. Tell them they can do you much more good by having this week than by waiting until the last day or two of the contest. If you have not sent in your subscription for ten twenty or thirty years you had better do so without fail this week. Remember you can hold your votes on these until the last day if you wish, but you will get many more votes on these subscriptions if sent in this week than if held until the last day. Do not fail to send or mail them on Saturday if you wish to get these extra votes.

We again caution the contestants to take a large dose of salt with these rumors being circulated about this or that contestant's immense number of votes being held back. Do not let them scare you in the least for that may be what some one is trying to do, scare you into quitting. The contest is going to have a tight finish, and no one will have a cinch to win. The contest manager cannot himself pick a winner, or even a probable one. There

- Miss Nancy McLeod, Bingham, 358,250. Miss May Belle Parham, Bingham, 356,600. Mrs. Monroe Rogers, Dillon, 295,525. Miss Berta McInnis, Carolina, 217,425. Miss Blanche Stanton, Little Rock, 209,800. Mrs. C. R. Taber, Dillon, 91,975. Miss Ethel McEachern, Hamer, 70,925. Miss Cora Grantham, Pages Mill, R. F. D. 68,300. Mrs. M. H. McDonaldi, Pages Mill, R. F. D. 46,800. Miss Ada Hayes, Latta, 44,000. Miss Sallie Moody Hamer, 20,000. Miss Ida Dunbar, Dillon, 15,025. Miss Anna B. Stanton, Dillon, any cot. Miss Estelle Ellerbe, Latta, 15,000. Miss Bessie McDowell, Mallory, 16,000. Eastern Stars, Dillon, 15,025. Miss Virginia Britt, Little Rock, 13,175.

WOFFORD ALUMNI BANQUET.

Held at the Price-Court Inn Saturday Afternoon an Enjoyable Affair. Distinguished Speakers Present.

The annual banquet of the Wofford alumni of Dillon and Marion counties, held at the Price-Court Inn Saturday, was quite an enjoyable affair. A number of Wofford men were present and toasts were responded to by distinguished speakers. The following toasts were addressed: Address of Welcome.—Mr. P. B. Sellers. Response to address of welcome.—Hon. W. J. Montgomery. Compulsory Education.—Hon. W. A. Brown. The Unearned Increment.—Judge C. A. Woods. Wofford and Wofford Men.—Prof. A. G. Rembert. The Future of Wofford.—Dr. H. N. Snyder. The following courses were served: Lynn Haven Bays. Consomme—Macedoine. Potomac Striped Bass.—Sauce Tartare. Julienne Potatoes. Kalamazoo Celery. Salted Almonds. Queen Olives. Timbale of Chicken. Smithfield Ham.—Demi Glace. Roast Young Turkey.—Cranberry Sauce. Quail on Toast. Chicken Salad. Asparagus Tips. French Peas. Maraschino Punch. Tutti Frutti Ice Cream. Assorted Cakes. Fruit. Cheese. Banquet Wafers. Coffee. Cigars.

Old Subscribers! Renew and vote to-day. Non-Subscribers! Send in your subscription and help your contestant to-day.

The Woman's Club had a very pleasant meeting on Monday afternoon with Mrs. S. C. Henslee. Mrs. Craig read a selection from "Tricks," while the other members worked. A salad course, apples and stuffed dates, served by Miss Isla McKenzie and Mrs. Johnson McKenzie, was very much enjoyed by the following members: Mesdames D. N. Oliver, McC. Curtis, Robert O'Ferrall, A. G. Buckner, Wm. Murchison, L. R. Craig, C. R. Taber, E. L. Moore, Frank Niernsee, H. A. Willis and the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Wm. Murchison on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. To the Public. The public is cordially invited to be present at the announcement of the winners of the prizes at The Herald's office, Wednesday afternoon, November Thirtieth, at 6 o'clock.

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